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In re Application of :
Giorgio BERTOLINI et al. : Attorney Docket: 2003IT304
Serial No.: to be Assigned :
Filed: April 21, 2006 :
Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOXIFLURIDINE

Transmittal Letter
Notification of Amendments Under PCT Article 34

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, an Amendment was filed under Article 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty prior to the International Preliminary Examination. Please note that the attached pages, 8 and 9, Claims 1-8, were filed with the European Patent Office.

Applicant respectfully requests submission of this page before examination of the application and before entry of the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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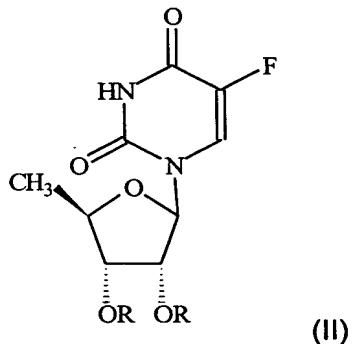
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CLAIMS

1. A process for preparing a compound of formula

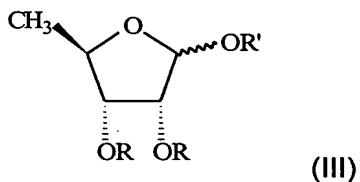


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in which R represents linear or branched C₁-C₅ aliphatic acyl or benzoyl, optionally substituted with C₁-C₅ alkyls, C₁-C₅ alkoxyls or halogens,

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which comprises the reaction of coupling of a compound of formula



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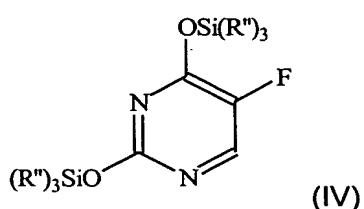
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R represents a linear or branched C₁-C₅ aliphatic acyl or benzoyl, optionally substituted with C₁-C₅ alkyls, C₁-C₅ alkoxyls or halogens,

R' represents R or a linear or branched C₁-C₅ alkyl,

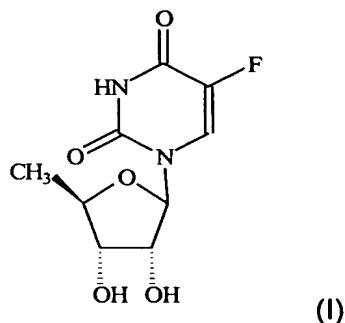
with a compound of formula

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in which R", being identical or different, represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl or a phenyl, in the presence of a Lewis acid and in an inert organic solvent, characterized in that said Lewis acid is added at a temperature below -10°C.

- 5 2. A process according to claim 1 in which said addition of catalyst is carried out at a temperature between approx. -15 and -20°C.
- 10 3. A process according to claim 1 in which, on completion of said addition of catalyst, the reaction mixture is held further at the same temperature.
- 15 4. A process according to claim 1 in which R and R' represent acyl, preferably acetyl, and R" represents methyl.
- 20 5. A process according to claim 1 in which said Lewis acid is selected from trimethylsilyltrifluoromethanesulphonate and tin tetrachloride, and is preferably tin tetrachloride.
- 25 6. A process according to claim 1 in which said inert organic solvent is selected from chlorinated solvents or aromatic solvents, preferably chlorinated solvents.
- 7. A process according to claim 1 in which said compound of formula II, in which R has the meanings stated above, is further submitted to a reaction of deprotection to give doxifluridine of formula I.
- 8. A process for the preparation of doxifluridine of formula



that comprises a process according to one of the claims from 1 to 7.